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Member News and Rides

Tanja, John, Phyllis, Marten, Eddie and his kids all went to the Ventura Raceway to watch flat track racing. There were vintage bikes, sidecars, lots of local riders. Everyone agreed that it was a fun day. The Raceway has an online schedule here: [Ventura Raceway Schedule](#)

John A. and **Bob** took a ride up Tepusquet Canyon, then to Hiway 166, then to Miranda Pines campground, where they found the campground completely empty.

Debra and **Howell** attended the Distinguished Gentleman's Ride in San Luis Obispo on September 24th. About 60 people participated in the ride and raised over \$8000. The funds are used for research into prostate cancer and mental health programs to support men's health globally. See pictures of Debra and Howell on Page 2.

David took a trip to Shasta, Lassen, and the Trinity Lakes area. He highly recommends Platina Road (A16: it runs east-west between Hiway 36 and I-5,

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south and west of Redding). All of Lassen Park has great roads. David found that Hiway 89 (Volcanic Legacy Scenic Byway); Hiway 70 (south of Chico and runs between Hiway 149 and 395); and Hiway 16 (north of Davis and it runs west of I-5) were also great roads. He traveled about 2000 miles on his trip.

Marten's Tech Day had about 35 attendees, including **Tanja, Lee** and **Nancy** cooked chili for the crowd.

Deborah went to the Horizons Unlimited meeting in Mariposa. She noted that there were several good presentations on travel

and travel accessories. For those of you interested in even more adventure, a Horizons Unlimited Mountain Madness event is scheduled for April 13-15 at Granite Mountain, AZ (near Prescott). It is described as a 2-day, off-road motorcycle scavenger hunt.

Chuck traveled around Spain and Portugal—but not on two wheels. He did take a 2-wheeled trip to Parker Dam, Hoover Dam (went on the tour) and Lake Havasu.

SB BMW Riders Calendar

- ❖ Monday, November 20: Club meeting at Cody's Café, 4898 Hollister Avenue, Goleta, CA. Come at around 6:00 to 6:30 p.m. for dinner and stay for the 7:30 p.m. meeting.
- ❖ Monday, December 18: Club Christmas party at Cy's and Linsley's, 632 Pico Avenue. More details to come at the November meeting.
- ❖ Any other activities or rides scheduled? Let me know! djkrohn@cox.net



Debra and Howell, dressed appropriately for the Distinguished Gentleman's Ride.

The ride started in San Luis Obispo, stopped at the SLO Mission, Avila Beach, and ended near Verde.



And On to Salt Lake City for the 2017 BMW MOA Crossroads of the West National Rally!

By John White



We arrive late Tuesday afternoon at the KOA in Salt Lake and who is there to greet us? Phil Wilson.

It had been some time since we took out the Toy Hauler; we were a bit slow setting up and taking down at first, but by the end of our trip we were pros. Phyllis and I know what we need to do and we each have our “chores.”

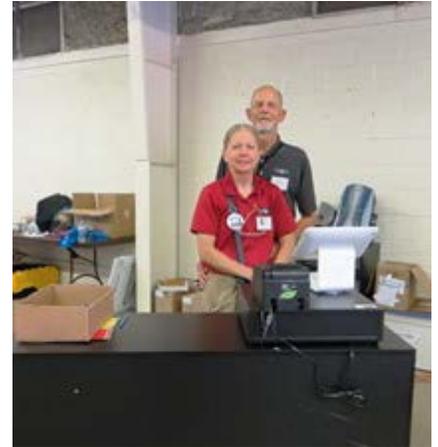
We try to get the power hooked up first, it was hot in Salt Lake and we needed to get that AC working, yes, Air Conditioning, our regrets, tent campers! This was the first time we operated the AC continuously during the event, and it worked fabulously. This is a nice campground with plenty of shade; did I say it was a hot rally?

(Over at Martin’s Tech Day, Larry “Stoner” Stonestreet rode up from Murietta and talked a bit about the Nationals and I mentioned I’d heard a rumor about changing dates to avoid hot spells. Stoner was at one time on the Rally Site Committee and this is how it is: The Place is usually picked 2-3 years out and reserved. The MOA is unable to pick specific dates because other organizations have reserved the best times far in advance. So the MOA takes what’s left.)

The KOA was next door to the Rally Fairgrounds, but it was still about a ¾ mile walk from the campground, not very doable in the 95+ degree heat. Fortunately, SLC has a great commuter train system running down North Temple Ave with stops at the KOA and Fairgrounds; trains run about every 20 minutes. We bought a Day Pass for \$6.50 and used it to get back and forth, that way we could go back to the KOA every few hours to make sure Nick (our Chocolate Lab) was still okay and the trailer AC was still running.



Once we're ready, we usually head over to the Rally site, take a look around, register early and let them know we're here and ready to do our volunteer part. We like to volunteer at Rallies and here we are working our shift, noon to four opening day. Check-in is easy, **especially** if you pre-register. We check you in via computer put the adjusting band on and direct you over to the line for all your goodies, spiral bound events booklet, raffle tickets, etc. We checked in Club Members Eddie and Deborah, then Kimo who was frazzled from all the heat!



Here's a photo of the central mall; people are here already and setting up their tents. Nice grass area camping with some areas already cordoned off for various BMW Clubs. The Airheads really put on a nice event of their own, couches, food, large tents, etc. We meet up with Club Member Kimo -who is much more relaxed than the first day checking in-, nice talk about the riding he did to get to SLC.

Nationals are great for checking out the vendors: anything you need for your bike? Phyllis bought a couple of upgrades for her F700 GS: a new Cyclops LED headlamp bulb, installed, and an Atlas throttle lock. I bought a new cover for my GS, a SKNZ. It's made of black stretchable fabric and covers the top portion of the bike. Going to the inside vendors gave relief from the hot weather with massive A/C and lots of people cooling off and checking out the goodies. Nice arrangement at the Fairgrounds: the camping area was surrounded by vendors, food vendors and MOA facilities.



Closing Ceremonies in the Grandstands, just lots of fabulous gifts given by MOA supporters! Not only farkles, but also trips to foreign lands via motorcycle. Couple of neat things: The Curve Cowboys were shutting down their nonprofit GEARS Training program- that raised money for young riders- by donating their final account of over \$63,000 to the MOA; and recognition was given to a gentleman who has attended all rallies, Norman E., Phoenix.

Nationals are great, there's so much to do and see and if you've never been, you gotta go! Next Rally is in Des Moines, July 12-15, 2018 at the Iowa State Fair. Are you going?

Sidecar Trip in the Sierras

David Hamilton

No destination, just a walkabout.



Another day, nice chat with CHP; only wanted to know about sidecars.

We were parked in front of a small cafe. Went in, and all wanted to know what happened. Great way to meet new friends! Spending the night in Murphy.



From Murphy to Gilroy, there was heavy smoke, not much more than a mile visibility.

Glad to get to Carmel Valley and clear air.

Motorcycle Consumer News

Some of you may be familiar with this magazine, but for those of you who are not, you may wish to check it out. It is a reader-supported and ad-free monthly magazine, offered in both digital and print versions. It has motorcycle reviews, product reviews and various regular columns: trouble-shooting; Street Strategy by Walt Fulton; health column, motorcycle rights; and other motorcycle-related topics. Because it has no advertising, the motorcycle and product reviews are reasonably unbiased.

The August 2017 issue had an article, *You, The Mechanic: Troubleshooting is all about understanding the system and methodically following the chain of components*, by Kevin O'Shaughnessy. The article describes the basic tools needed for the DIYer for troubleshooting, outlined by this process: First, categorize the systems, then isolate the problems, then bypass or verify the problem. He also recommends separating the machine into mechanical, electrical and fuel components.

Wayne thought that this article was one of the best descriptions of how to troubleshoot that he had ever read! If you would like a copy of the article, let Wayne know. Or, you can subscribe to Motorcycle Consumer News: [MCN News](#)

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Upcoming Events

- November 10-12: Salton Sea campout at Mecca Beach Campground (off of Hiway 111). Contact Marten for more information: marten@cox.net
- November 17-19: Long Beach Motorcycle Show, Long Beach Convention Center. Demo rides, vintage bikes, marketplace, and more. [Long Beach Motorcycle Show](#)
- November 24-25: LA -Barstow to Las Vegas Dual Sport Ride. [Los Angeles-Barstow to Las Vegas Dual Sport Ride 2017](#)